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**RESOLUTION R2020-16  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CONFIRMING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
(COVID-19 VIRUS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors is designated as the Director Emergency Services for the County of Nelson; and,

**WHEREAS** on March 18, 2020 the Director of Emergency Services issued a “Declaration of Local Emergency” in response to the outbreak and continued spread of the COVID-19 Virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors to formally confirm the declaration of the local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the declaration of a local emergency made by the Director of Emergency Services on March 18, 2020 and reaffirms the declaration of local emergency, as follows:

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the Covid-19 outbreak a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia, by Executive Order Number Fifty-One (2020), declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020 in response to the spread of Covid-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19, conditions exist such that there is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Nelson, Virginia; and, that the severity and magnitude of the impact of COVID-19 is sufficient to constitute a “disaster” as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and warrants coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nelson, Virginia is now able to convene to consent to the declaration of a local emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved** pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors declares and proclaims the existence of a local emergency in the County of Nelson, and, further, affirms the existence of a local emergency, as previously declared on March 18, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Nelson County Board hereby proclaims and orders (that) during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator, the Emergency Services Director and the Emergency Services Department of the County of Nelson shall be all those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Nelson in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

**LASTLY**, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby provides (that) this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors determines that all appropriate actions have been taken to address the emergency declared herein, and votes to end the declared emergency as provided by applicable law.

Adopted: March 26, 2020

Attest:  Clerk  
Nelson County Board of Supervisors